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1. (SBU) Charge delivered reftel briefing on May 29 to Malai HjH Halimah, Director of the Political II Department (U.S. and non-ASEAN member countries) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MoFAT) and Florence Chong, Assistant Director for International Organizations at MoFAT and point of contact for the Proliferation Security Initiative. Halimah and Chong welcomed the briefing, seeing the GMP as a useful collective label to apply to disparate initiatives on maritime security. Beyond that, they said that they would welcome further information as the USG fleshes out this concept and would review how Brunei could best participate in GMP-branded initiatives.

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